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SUBJECT : USIA/Kennan Institute Conference Series

1. Attached is the conference agenda for the first in a series of seminars held jointly by USIA and the Kennan Institute at the Wilson Center. Later sessions will deal with Soviet policies toward different regions of the world, and it might be of some interest to you. NIC representation on the Soviet side was evident during the first meeting; however, I am less certain whether the appropriate NIOs for other regions are aware of the conference series. If you are interested in attending, it can be arranged by calling USIA (Willis Brooks or William Freeman, 485-7124).

2. The first meeting was generally informative and at times stimulating. However, the meetings might be more productive if there were a better mix of Sovietologists and regional experts in talking about Soviet foreign policy toward different regions.

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Attachment  
Agenda

The United States Information Agency

with  
The Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies  
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

presents a  
Conference Series on Soviet Foreign Policy  
Chairman: Helmut Sonnenfeldt (Brookings Institution)

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Conference 1: Western Europe and Arms Control  
January 19, 1984

Chairman: Arnold Horelick (RAND Corporation)

9:00 Introduction

9:15 US-Soviet global rivalry and Western Europe

paper: Vernon Aspaturian (Pennsylvania State University)  
comment: Stephen Larrabee (Institute for East-West  
Security Studies)  
Stephen Shaffer (USIA)

10:45 Coffee break

11:00 Arms control negotiations

paper: Edward Rowny (ACDA)

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Soviet-West European economic and political relations

paper: Angela Stent (Georgetown University)  
comment: David Lowenfeld (Council on Foreign Relations)

3:00 Coffee break

3:15 Prospects for Soviet policy in Western Europe

paper: Hannes Adomeit (Stiftung fur Wissenschaft und  
Politik)  
comment: Lynn E. Davis (National War College)

**Conference 2: Asia and Latin America**  
**March 2, 1984**

**Chairman: William E. Griffith (MIT)**

**Asia**

**papers:**

**PRC: Harry Gelman (RAND Corporation)**

**Southeast Asia: Douglas Pike (California, Berkeley)**

**Japan: Hiroshi Kimura (Hokkaido University)**

**comment: Kenneth Lieberthal (University of Michigan)**  
**[redacted] (CIA)**

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**Latin America**

**paper: Jiri and Virginia Valenta (Naval Postgraduate School)**

**comment: Alexander Alexiev (RAND Corporation)**

**Conference 3: Afghanistan, the Middle East, and Africa**  
**March 15, 1984**

**Chairman: Ambassador Robert Neumann**

**Soviet policy in Afghanistan**

**paper: [redacted] (CIA)**

**comment: Alvin Rubinstein (University of Pennsylvania)**

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**The war in Afghanistan**

**paper: Zalmay Khalilzad (Columbia University)**

**comment: [redacted] (CIA)**

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**Soviet Mideast policy**

**paper: John Campbell**

**Africa**

**presentation: Chester A. Crocker (Department of State)?**

**Conference 4: Eastern Europe**  
**April 24, 1984**

**Chairman: Jack Matlock (NSC)**

**Soviet policy in Eastern Europe**

**paper: Charles Gati (Columbia University/Union College)**

**comment: Christopher Jones (Harvard University)**

**The Polish crisis and the USSR**

**paper: Sidney Ploss (Department of State)**

**comment: Roman Szporluk (University of Michigan)**

**East European economies and politics**

**paper: Sarah Terry (Tufts)**

**comment: Marvin Jackson (Arizona State University)**

**Prospects for Eastern Europe**

**paper: Vojtech Mastny (Boston University)**

**comment: Bernard Guetta (Le Monde)**

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